

WESTERN CANADA CORN

Wins First Honors at Kansas City.

While visiting the Canadian Government Information Bureau at Kansas City, where there is an exhibition of a very creditable display of Canadian products, my attention, says a writer in the agricultural press, was directed to a few ears of Dent corn, bearing the modest inscription:

"This Northwestern Dent corn took the first prize at the Soil Products Exposition recently held in Kansas City, Mo., and was grown by John Hamilton of Kelwood, Manitoba."

Kelwood, Manitoba, lies about twelve hundred miles north of Kansas City, and it was quite pardonable that these Canadians should so proudly parade the fact that they had been able to carry off for their corn display the blue ribbon that for years the old "corn-growing" states had looked upon as being practically their own, and for which they were strong contestants in the recent show.

I asked Mr. Hewitt, agent in charge of the Canadian Government office at 2012 Main Street, Kansas City, what the winning of the prize means for Canada. His reply was that it means the "corn belt" is moving northward, and in a few years to the fame that Canada has already achieved as a wheat, barley and oats producing country, will have to be added that of growing the best corn in America.

"Why," he said, "twenty years ago a friend of mine was attracted at the Minnesota State Fair by the number of those who were examining some corn grown north of Crookston, Minnesota. It was not the large ear produced farther south, but it was an even ear and perfect kernel. The interest centered in it was the fact that it had been grown so far north. That was twenty years ago. Today, the traveler on any of the railways in that section of the country may see field after field of corn. In many portions of Manitoba," he continued, "out into Saskatchewan and Alberta, the growing of corn is receiving much attention, at present mainly for fodder, but within a short time, with acclimated seed a maturing corn of good quality may reasonably be expected. Already the number of silos in use in Western Canada indicates that the progressive farmers there look forward to the day when corn will be one of their most important crops."

"Corn lands in South Dakota are said to be selling as high as \$250 per acre, and if corn has been the means of placing these lands at this price what may be expected of Western Canada lands, when the day comes that corn will be grown as successfully there?"

It was not in corn alone that Western Canada carried off the honors at the Soil Products Exposition. The awards won by Western Canada were 40 first, 29 second, and 26 third prizes. These included 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for hard spring wheat; the sweepstakes for wheat and the cup offered by Canadian Pacific Railway for the best half-bushel of hard spring wheat; 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes and sweepstakes for oats; 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for barley; and 2nd and 3rd prizes for corn.

It is interesting to note that the sweepstakes for wheat and first prize for hard red spring wheat have been won by Saskatchewan exhibitors seven times in the last eight years, Manitoba winning one year.

Potato classes have some interesting successes for Western Canadian exhibitors, who won four firsts, three seconds and three thirds. Exhibitors from these provinces also made fine showing in the vegetable classes, winning among other prizes the premium prizes for cabbages, cauliflowers, pumpkins, squash and watermelons. —Adv.

Being funny is the most serious kind of work.

IF BACK HURTS USE SALTS FOR KIDNEYS

Eat less meat if kidneys feel like lead or bladder bothers.

Most folks forget that the kidneys, like the bowels, get sluggish and clogged and need a flushing occasionally, else we have backache and dull misery in the kidney region, severe headaches, rheumatic twinges, torpid liver, acid stomach, sleeplessness and all sorts of bladder disorders.

You simply must keep your kidneys active and clean, and the moment you feel an ache or pain in the kidney region, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any good drug store here, take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and is harmless to flush clogged kidneys and stimulates them to normal activity. It also neutralizes the acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is harmless; inexpensive; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everybody should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean, thus avoiding serious complications.

A well-known local druggist says he sells lots of Jad Salts to folks who believe in overcoming kidney trouble while it is only trouble. —Adv.

The auto that attempts flying is apt to turn turtle.

BELGIUM SKETCHES

The Fire of Madame There

By Katharine Eggleston Roberts.

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They marched into a town of empty streets, closed doors, and drawn blinds—those men with sharp spiked helmets. Their heavy tramp upon the cobblestones resounded in the narrow rain-drenched lanes until they halted in the little square. Frightened eyes peeped from behind the shuttered windows—watched yet dared not see. The Germans had taken Aerschot. As the heavy clouds blackened into night, the only lights were those made by the troops in the square.

The house of Mathieu There was dark like the others.

"Mother, let's light the lamp. It's so awful here in the dark."

"No, Andre, we mustn't. Be brave like your brothers. See, Pierre and Paul don't mind the dark, do you my sons?" Madame There put a reassuring arm about her youngest and felt his shoulders stiffen.

The two boys stood with their father at the other window.

"No, I don't mind the dark but I am hungry." Pierre was two years older than Andre, too old to fear the dark and too young to fear the Germans.

But Paul did not answer. He stood with his arm locked within his father's and stared out grimly at the moving silhouettes. His army had refused him just because he was a year or so too young. What difference did age make? He was as strong as any man and he might have been out fighting instead of hiding here in the dark.

The soldiers were stirring about and forming into small detachments. Their helmets gleamed in the flickering light of the street lamps. A sharp order was given.

"They are coming," said Mathieu There.

The butt of a gun thudded on the street door. "Come out, come out where we can see you. Come out or you shall feel fire."

"Let us go together. It is all that we can do." The father led his family into the street.

Quickly the narrow lanes filled as the houses emptied—filled with people who dared not speak aloud. "What are they going to do?" "Where are we going?" "What are they doing now?" The terrified whispers ques-



After a Baptism of Flame and Shell.

tioned. In the ill-lit streets, faces peered trying to recognize neighbors. Then came the order to march with upraised arms. Families were separated. Lost babies cried. Women shrieked the names of their husbands and children. Everywhere was confusion. But in spite of it all, Mathieu and Madame There and their sons managed to keep together till the people were herded into the market-place before the church. A light was coming from somewhere behind them—a light that grew redder and redder.

"Mother, mother, what is it?"

"Hush, Andre, I do not know."

"It's the houses. They're fired the town." Paul's voice was thick.

The crowd was ordered about. "You wouldn't have lights? Well you have them now," a German voice taunted. "See them?"

As the flames whipped over the roofs, the soldiers went through the throng. "We are going to Paris," they said, "your men and boys must march ahead of us."

Madame There stood as her husband and sons were marched away—stood with the other women gazing wide-eyed and mute. The flames of the town died down and the gray dawn came to the women huddled together in the market place. The soldiers laughed into their grief-filled faces. "Go home." They said, "Go to your homes."

Home! Madame There, scarcely knowing what she did, went to a heap of bricks and mortar facing the square. Part of a charred wall was standing and she started through its sagging doorway. Suddenly there burst a fusillade. She listened and again the shots rang out. She hurried to the square where other women ran about. "Our soldiers are coming to help us. They are fighting. Hear?" But no. It could not be that for no more shots were fired.

"Sh—what is he saying?"

Here he Mathieu There and his sons Paul, Pierre, and Andre, guileless, murdered by the Boche Barbarians.

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"Your men are not going with us to Paris. They are too much trouble. You'll find them in the field east of town."

And they saw them—two hundred men and boys lying riddled with bullets. Madame There found her husband and Paul with Andre between them and near them lay Pierre. In a cart, she carried them to the churchyard and there she made a prayer and buried them herself, for the priest was among those who lay in the field. She moved about as one in a dream, mechanically—a tall blond-haired woman whose blue eyes seemed not to see, whose twisted lips were silent.

Slowly the long days dragged for Madame There, living with others in a house not wholly gutted. But she had a task to perform. In the wreck of her home, she found the flat top of a table. She took it away with her and, secretly, she worked and scraped at it until it was smooth and clean.



"Here Lies Mathieu There."

One by one irregular letters grew and straggled over the board. The people who knew her wondered, and they whispered among themselves, "What is wrong with Hermine There? Surely her mind is gone." And the soldiers who saw her each day stepped aside to let her pass, for they feared the woman who never spoke with her lips but whose eyes burned into their souls.

The sentry tramped up and down in the moonlight and his thoughts were far away. The same moon was shining in Germany on a little village like this one and here he had to stay guarding a cemetery where no one wanted to come and from which no one could go. At home—he didn't see the crouching figure dart behind the hedge as he turned the corner. In the morn-

HomeTown Helps

FOR CENTRAL HEATING PLANT

Canadian Newspaper Warmly Advocates Such a Scheme, on Economic and Other Grounds.

The town of Renfrew has carried a 35-law to spend \$25,000 on a central heating plant for the business section. It is erecting a new fire hall and takes advantage of the opportunity. Owen Sound is said to have a similar scheme under consideration. This is an avenue of small-town development that will be much more extensively traveled in the future, remarks the Toronto (Can.) Mail and Empire. Ontario towns are usually compact, the streets used for business intersect each other, and with the advent of modern heating systems in the stores and factories, the economic possibilities of a central heating plant are exceptionally good. Many cities and towns in the United States have adopted the system, and results have been very satisfactory. Instead of two dozen furnaces, two dozen firemen, one big plant handled by about three men, does the whole business. Modern insulating methods prevent loss of steam and heat underground and the service is usually better than any home system. The obtaining of coal is such a problem nowadays for the ordinary merchant and factory operator that the putting of responsibility on a civic plant would be a great relief. The ultimate saving, once the heating equipment is installed, ought to be thousands of dollars a year. In many of the small Ontario towns stores are still heated by stoves, or hot-air furnaces, using anthracite coal. The statistics of the relative cost of steam heat cannot be made up without consideration of local conditions, because pipe-laying, radiator installation and plant costs vary with the size of the project, and the location of the premises to be heated. But the innovation is one that should commend itself to the notice of all town councils.

WRONG KIND OF ADVERTISING

Signboard Display May Catch the Eye for a Moment, but It Does Not Make Friends.

An important function of advertising is in creating good will. The permanent, lasting value of an advertising campaign is in the good will it creates. Signboards can do little toward creating good will and may stir up a lot of ill will.

There are certain classes of advertising that must be handled in a dignified manner, otherwise the advertising may do more harm than good.

If the information received is correct, various garden clubs have already protested against the use of signboards by florists, which shows "the way the wind blows" regarding public sentiment.

It has been proposed that motorists organize to rid our highways of the grotesque obstructive signs. Each member is to agree not to purchase any goods advertised on signboards. That will be an effective way to clear up the situation.

This gives the florists good advice and gets their slogan before our readers, both of which it is hoped will be profitable. —New York Times.

Trees on Roadside.

Believing that the problem of roadside planting should not be entirely set aside during the movement for a greater mileage of improved highways, active steps are now being taken by the New York state motor federation and the state college of forestry at Syracuse for the development of a planting scheme for the section of the highway running from Syracuse to Utica, a distance of about sixty miles.

It has been demonstrated by those in charge of the work that aside from the purely ornamental value of trees along the highway, many practical benefits would result from their proper use. It is not generally realized that trees, by means of their shade during hot summer months, prolong the life of the roadway for many years, and road experts in general are heartily in favor of this means of road protection.

Have an Eye to the Future.

It is common in a good many cities to find a street originally laid out to come to an abrupt end for a block, after which the street is continued. No doubt the founders never dreamed that more and wider streets would be necessary, and thought that in laying them out they were anticipating all possible road expansion for hundreds of years to come. Where such streets, by continuing them through the block, would create an outlet for additional traffic, thereby eliminating congestion and confusion, the property owners, as well as city and government officials, should take additional steps to rectify it.

Keep Eye on Shade Trees. Don't forget your shade trees. Remove them of all dead wood and tangled growth.

Never Forget the Shrubs. Shrubbery beautify and protect the premises.

Perfect Health Is Yours If the Blood Is Kept Pure

Almost Every Human Ailment Is Directly Traceable to Impurities in the Blood.

You should pay particular heed to any indication that your blood supply is becoming sluggish, or that there is a lessening in its strength and vital force.

By keeping your blood cleansed your system more easily wards off disease that is ever present, waiting to attack wherever there is an

opening. A few bottles of S. S. S., the great vegetable blood medicine, will revitalize your blood and give you new strength and a healthy, vigorous vitality. Everyone needs it just now to keep the system in perfect condition. Go to your drug store and get a bottle to-day, and if you need any medical advice, you can obtain it without cost by writing to Medical Director, Swift Specific Co., 46 Swift Laboratory, Atlanta, Ga.

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Query From Sir James.

Here is a story with a moral for telephone users. Hon. James Duff of Canada was in the habit of shouting into the receiver, and one day Sir James Whitney, who was in his office nearby, asked what all the racket was about.

"It is Mr. Duff, sir," replied the clerk. "He is talking with his wife up in Simcoe county."

"He is, eh?" said Sir James. "Well, why on earth doesn't he telephone her, instead of yelling across the province like that?" —Boston Transcript.

CREAM FOR CATARRH OPENS UP NOSTRILS

Tells How to Get Quick Relief from Head-Colds, It's Splendid!

In one minute your clogged nostrils will open, the air passages of your head will clear and you can breathe freely. No more hawking, snuffling, blowing, headache, dryness. No struggling for breath at night; your cold or catarrh will be gone.

Get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm from your druggist now. Apply a little of this fragrant, antiseptic, healing cream in your nostrils. It penetrates through every air passage of the head, soothes the inflamed or swollen mucous membrane and relief comes instantly.

It's just fine. Don't stay stuffed-up with a cold or nasty catarrh—Relief comes so quickly. —Adv.

What She Desired.

"Why, Norah," said her mistress, "how nice you look in your new dress and hat. I hope you will meet all your friends this afternoon so that they may see you in your fine clothes."

"What'll I be waitin' to see them for? Sure, I don't care to make me friends jealous. It's me enemies I want to meet when I'm dressed up." —Boston Transcript.

UP A SINGIN'!

Tomorrow will be clear and bright, if you take "Cascarets" tonight

Feeling half-sick, bilious, constipated? Ambition way below zero? Here is help! Take Cascarets tonight for your liver and bowels. You'll wake up clear, rosy, and full of life. Cascarets act without griping or inconvenience. They never sicken you like Calomel, Salts, Oil or nasty, harsh pills. They cost so little too—Cascarets work while you sleep. —Adv.

Wanted His Place.

A young man who is painfully bashful called upon my niece who was visiting us. Our little grandson is very fond of attention and climbed upon the young man's knee, seated himself and began to chatter. He was called, and as he ran from the room he looked back and said: "Don't let any one get my place." —Exchange.

The wrong road never led to the right place. —Karadac, Count of Germany.

MURINE
Night
Morning
Keep Your Eyes
Clean—Clear—Bright—Healthy

In Finland many women are employed in the sawmills.

A Lady of Distinction.

Is recognized by the delicate fascinating influence of the perfume she uses. A bath with Cuticura Soap and hot water to thoroughly cleanse the pores, followed by a dusting with Cuticura Talcum Powder usually means a clear, sweet, healthy skin. —Adv.

Entirely Separate.

Millie: "You have no business to kiss me." Billie: "I never combine business with pleasure."

Not True to Life.

Church—Have you seen the new play?

Gotham—Oh, yes.

"Isn't that scene of the subway car amusing?"

"What's amusing about it?"

"Why, didn't you notice everybody had a seat!"

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